land-holders residing in municipalities may also be shown a similar concession.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Revenue Commissioner and the Conservator of Forests for opinion.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Grant of timber.

Mr. Chennabasappa Gowda, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The seigniorage prescribed by the rules in force at present is high. It is prayed that a free grant of wood may be ordered as before.

Reply of Government.—In the malnad, special rates are allowed to raiyats. Further reduction is not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 107.

Reduction of seigniorage on bamboos.

Mr. MalaliVenkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The rate of seigniorage on bamboos is Rs. 2 per 100, while in the adjoining province of Coorg it is only 12 annas. As people get their bamboos from Coorg, licenses for our bamboos are on the decrease. Moreover, owing to the flowering of bamboos this year, the standing bamboos become useless after drying, and for some years bamboos would become a rare commodity. The rate may therefore be reduced to 12 annas per 100 as in Coorg, to enable the raiyats to keep a stock of bamboos for future use before the standing ones become dry.

(2) Owing to the flowering of bamboos, seigniorage may be remitted on bamboos temporarily for one or two years, and the raiyats allowed to remove them free.

Reply of Government.—(1) As the rates are not uniform, the Conservator will be asked to report whether they may not be made uniform, or whether the existing rates may be reduced in any parts of the State.

(2) Bamboos die after flowering and it is desirable to encourage their removal before they begin to decay. The Conservator will be asked to consider whether in localities in which they have begun to flower largely they may not be allowed to be taken free or at least at half the rates for one or two years.

SUBJECT No. 108.

Reduction of fees on bamboo thorns brought from jungles for hedging sugarcane fields.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the present fee of annas four levied on every cart-load of thorny bamboos (ಸಳ್ಳು) brought from jungles for hedging sugarcane fields, be reduced.

Reply of Government.—The Conservator states that he will soon visit the Chamrajnagar Taluk, with reference to which the representation is made. He will, on enquiry into local conditions, consider and report whether a reduction of the fee is necessary.